Projects to increase irrigation capacity

†203. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had started construction work of several projects in order to increase the irrigation capacity and their utilisation capacity in the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the total number of such projects together with the number of projects in respect of which target was fixed for their completion;

(c) whether the construction work of the projects is likely to be completed according to the target; and

(d) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) No, Sir. Irrigation projects for creation of Irrigation potential and its utilisation are conceived, planned and executed by the State Governments.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Status of Pagladiya Project

204. DR. (SHRIMATI) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of Pagladiya Project to be taken up by Brahmaputra Board in Assam;

(b) whatis the expected date on which the work on the project is likely to be completed; and

(c) what are the details of the field of works of Brahmaputra Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI) BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: (a) and

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(b) Pagladiya Multipurpose Project has been approved techno-economically and environment clearance has also been accorded. The project is considered for clearance by Public Investment Board, Government of India. The construction period of the project is spread over 7 years.

(c) Brahmaputra Board has formulated Master Plans for flood management in the Brahmaputra and Barak Valleys in the North Eastern region which involves integrated development of water resources of Brahmaputra and Barak rivers, including preparation of Detailed Project Reports of Multipurpose projects on Dihang; Subansiri; Pagladiya; Kameng; Debang; Kulsi; Jadukata; Someswari; Bairabi; Lohit; Noa Dehing; Um-n-got and Tipaimukh rivers.

Funds for Irrigation Schemes in Madhya Pradesh

†205. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the funds made available by Government during each of the last five years for irrigation schemes in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the amount spent by Madhya Pradesh Government during each year from the funds provided by the Central Government;, and

(c) the year-wise percentage of agricultural land irrigated by Government means out of total agricultural land in Madhya Pradesh during last five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and

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